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# Just breathe

There's now an app with 'election emergency' stress meditations

By Colby Itkowitz | THE WASHINGTON POST

The final debate started relatively peacefully, at least by 2016 standards. But by the end, you may have been watching with fists clenched, stomach knotted and heartbeat accelerated. You may have gone to bed with emotions charged, your mind racing. And then you woke up knowing talk about the election would be largely unavoidable.

Breathe.

The good news is that there are now guided meditations available for the sole purpose of calming your election stress.

By now we've established that election-induced stress is a real and common phenomenon afflicting more than half of American adults, and negatively impacting their work, their relationships and their health. People have been tweeting about their stress eating because of it and giving in to other vices like drinking and smoking weed.

So last week the meditation app 10% Happier enlisted several leading instructors to put together "election emergency" meditations to offer tips and breathing exercises to help our stressed-out populace manage their emotions.

The app is an offshoot of the book of the same name by ABC News anchor Dan Harris, who wrote about a panic attack he had on air and how he subsequently turned to meditation for his stress.

The idea to offer meditation specifically for election stress was only broached recently by a colleague, and Harris said he jumped on it because he needed it, too.

"For months, I have found myself compulsively checking the news, and stress eating during the debates. For example, during the last one, I consumed half of a gigantic bag of popcorn. And I know I'm not alone," Harris said in an email. "Everybody I know—from my personal and professional life—is expressing a whole range of difficult emotions vis-a-vis the election. From anxiety to anger to annoyance."

In one short guided session, titled "Exposure to Media," well-known meditation teacher Sharon Salzberg begins: "Let's say you're reading something online or something on the news or you are in conversation with somebody and you feel triggered and this wealth of emotion starts pouring through you." She then talks you through how to recognize and acknowledge the feelings, and then to realize they're always changing, rising

and then falling away.

"I tried to think of what particular habits of mine were adding to the distress. I see in my own mind the tendency to catastrophize and I realize it's just projection. I've seen that if I look at my own fear, I see that the most painful place is the sense of helplessness," Salzberg said in an interview. "We absorb the toxic energy going on around us, we don't feel centered, we also forget the things we really care about. The breath will be with us if we're stuck in traffic or watching a debate. We can always use that as a resource to re-center or re-ground. It's very portable."

Research studies have shown that meditation does reduce stress, and even more so, a Harvard neuroscientist found in 2015 that it can actually change the brain by thickening several areas, including one region that deals with mind wandering and self-relevance.

Salzberg, who has been practicing meditation for 45 years, said her students bring up the election a lot. She said they are anxious, but they also feel angered and ashamed by how much the conversations trigger the emotions. Politics is by nature a passionate subject, but Salzberg said she's never seen the degree of stress caused by an election as she

has this year. Part of it is the toxicity of the environment, she said, and also that the discord makes people feel so disconnected from one another.

Meditation is a "real refuge" for people with an established practice, she said, "because they know they can have a feeling but they don't need to take it to heart, it's washing through like the weather." For those just turning to meditation to get through the next few weeks, she counseled that it's important to remember that it's normal to have thoughts interrupt a meditation, but the key is to recognize that the thought is there, to let it pass and return focus to the breath.

The six guided meditations targeting election stress are foundational, designed for anyone to pick up the practice. Salzberg said people should begin doing one or more every day between now and Nov. 8.

"It will help you to be centered, it will remind you: You have tools," she said. "You can center your attention on your breath, you can do love and kindness. That's the important thing, that we have a path, that we have a way forward. We do have a world beginning on Nov. 9, and it will be a lot better if we bring more awareness and kindness into that world."

# EARLY VOTING & REGISTRATION IN CHICAGO



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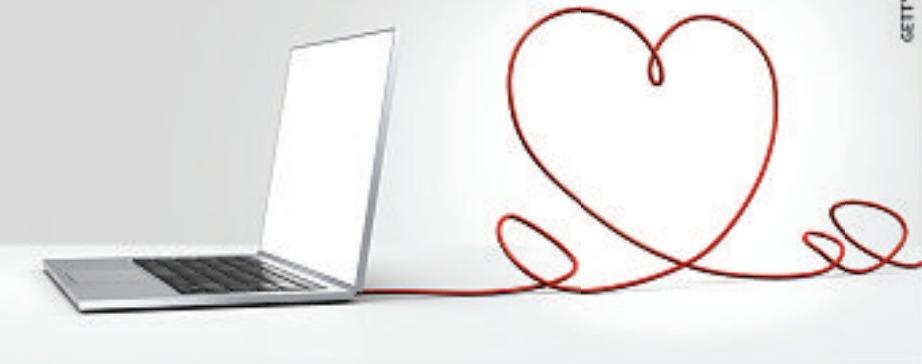
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## the chatter

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## Should women make the first move online?



**Anna Pulley**

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Dear Anna,  
 I am an older woman who has been divorced seven years. I have dated several men in the past few years and have not met anyone interested in a long-term relationship. It's almost like they are eternal teenagers. It makes me wonder if it's true that "opposites attract." I have always gone out with men who call me first. I'm thinking that's a mistake, since the guys attracted to me turn out to be a little nutty. Should I start taking the initiative when I meet someone who seems nice? It makes me nervous to even think about it, but I'm wasting time with these bozos.  
 —Send in the Clowns

### Dear SITC,

Yes, gurl! You should absolutely write to men you like. It's 2016. Run the world! Lean in! Lena Dunham! If a woman can be our Democratic nominee (and soon president), then by gum, you can ask a stranger out for queso dip.

You're not alone in being fearful to make the first move, however. According to a recent report from OkCupid, "Most women—regardless of sexual orientation—do not send the first message, with straight women 3.5 times less likely compared to straight men."

(Gonna let that "regardless of sexual orientation" aside slide, because contrary to popular belief, lesbians exist, and not just in porn. But back to your dilemma.)

Why should you write first? OkCupid found that women who write to men first are 2.5 times as likely to get a response AND are also more likely to score dates with men who are more attractive. How much more? "[A] bout 7 percentile points more attractive than you." Whatever that even means. Hopefully their next report will be about the creepy algorithm robots judging our attractiveness.

Regardless, men tend to enjoy it when women write to them. It flips the traditional gender script. Keep it short and sweet (a few sentences should do it) and remember that if they don't write back, you've lost nothing. But you've gained a tiny amount of confidence from stepping out of your comfort zone and trying.

The first message will be scary, but the more you do it, the easier it'll become. Don't think too much about it or agonize or endlessly refresh your browser to see if he wrote back. Just send it and go about your day. Because you have a life that involves more than winks and clowns.

If you need a template for what to say, a very general guide is: Choose an element in his profile that is interesting or exciting to you, comment upon it and ask a question.

"You like to hike? Me too. Have you ever been to SOME AMAZING HIKING PLACE? I've always wanted to go."

Good luck, SITC. Now quit clowning around and get writing.

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**Public relations coordinator Anna Niesen fills her water bottle in the Cubs-adorned kitchen area at LaSalle Network in Chicago.**

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# Root, root, root

**A CASE OF THE CUBBIE BLUES AT WORK CAN BE JUST WHAT AN OFFICE NEEDS**

**By Alexia Elejalde-Ruiz** | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

If there is a special occasion, chances are LaSalle Network has dressed up in themed decor to celebrate.

So with the Cubs—nail-bitingly—on the cusp of the World Series, the staffing firm's Loop office has draped Cubbie blue, white and red streamers across the ceiling, not far from the pumpkins and skulls marking Halloween.

The business-casual dress code has given way to Cubs gear on Fridays and game days. The "W" flag that has been flying at the office year-round for some five years, through thick and thin, is finally getting its due.

Sure, employees were allowed to wear Blackhawks jerseys during several exciting hockey seasons. But the Cubs, who haven't reached the World Series since 1945 and haven't won it since 1908, bring out another level of enthusiasm—and companies that don't bring it into the office are missing an opportunity, CEO Tom Gimbel said.

"We can use sports as something to laugh and cheer and have fun together," said Gimbel, a lifelong Cubs fan who has games playing on TVs in the office during the regular season and routinely offers Cubs tickets to employees as a perk.

"When you get so focused on the 9-to-5

thing, you don't realize that the extracurriculars are really important," he said.

LaSalle Network isn't the only workplace building employee camaraderie through Cubs fever.

At Alliant Credit Union, based in Chicago, employees in the Chicago and Los Angeles branches were encouraged to put aside their business-casual attire for Cubs and Dodgers fan gear in a friendly "battle of the branches." The senior national branch manager, a die-hard White Sox fan, has promised to wear the jersey of whichever team wins the championship.

Rightpoint, a Chicago-based digital agency,

## NLCS: CUBS VS. DODGERS SCHEDULE

Series tied 2-2

GAME	DATE	WHERE	TV
Game 1		Cubs 8, Dodgers 4	
Game 2		Dodgers 1, Cubs 0	
Game 3		Dodgers 6, Cubs 0	
Game 4		Cubs 10, Dodgers 2	
Game 5		late	
Game 6	Saturday, 7:08 p.m.	at Cubs	FSL
Game 7	Sunday, 7:08 p.m.	at Cubs*	FSL

\*IF NECESSARY

has a similar rivalry going, with the office leads in the Los Angeles and Chicago offices promising to wear the opposing team's jersey should



they win the National League championship.

At Olson Engage, a public relations firm, all 74 employees in the Chicago office have been invited to Wrigley Field for Game 6 of the National League Championship Series, should it get to that, because we "couldn't pass up such a quintessential Chicago opportunity for our people," President Bryan Specht said.

And in perhaps the most visually dramatic corporate example, the 50-story UBS Tower at 1 N. Wacker Drive has added a "C" to the front of its name, a somewhat greater commitment than the skyline buildings that switch on lights in certain offices to spell team names.

Companies are wise to jump on the Cubs excitement, said Andrew Challenger, vice president of Chicago-based outplacement firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas.

"It gets people from different departments who don't normally connect with each other to connect on something besides the daily business item, and that's incredibly valuable," Challenger said. While the city has rallied around big sporting events before, this run is different, as "it might be once in a lifetime to root for some lovable winners instead of lovable losers," he said.

A benefit is that the games are at night, so most companies with regular office hours don't have to worry about midday distractions or hosting viewing parties. Moves like loosening dress codes are "free culture additions," he said.

It is important to remember that it is a two-baseball-team town—and that some people just don't care.

"We don't force it down people's throats," Gimbel said.

If I don't die from a heart attack from excitement, I may host a viewing party. Otherwise it will just be a lot of happiness."

—LaSalle Network CEO Tom Gimbel

But for companies with different generations of employees or other disparities, the drive to the World Series unites people under a common cause, he said.

At Assurance, an insurance brokerage that is based in Schaumburg and has offices in downtown Chicago, "W" flags hang from windows and in the lobby, and employees can wear Cubs gear on select game days, said Steven Handmaker, chief marketing officer. He said he was rocking a sports coat over a Cubs shirt as he sat in his office.

The company's internal communications team shot videos of employees expressing their Cubs love. One titled "Everything We Know We Learned from Cubs Manager Joe Maddon" features employees reciting classic Maddon catchphrases, such as "Never permit the pressure to exceed the pleasure" and "Try not to suck."

The Cubs are a client of Assurance, which administers the team's employee benefits and has a branded section of Wrigley Field on the suite level. But Handmaker said the client relationship is not the reason for the enthusiasm; the company had similar festivities when the Blackhawks were after the Stanley Cup.

Celebrating a shared Cubs culture binds people together in a way that benefits the internal office culture, he said.

If the Cubs get to the World Series, Assurance's plan is to have a baseball-inspired luncheon with hot dogs, peanuts and Cracker Jack, Handmaker said.

As for Gimbel: "If I don't die from a heart attack from excitement, I may host a viewing party" he said. "Otherwise it will just be a lot of happiness."

## HOT DOG TWITTER BEEF IS A WIN-WIN

By Chris Sosa | REDEYE

What started as a heated Twitter beef has turned into a bet with real stakes. After Chicago hot spot The Wiener's Circle went at it with Los Angeles staple Pink's Hot Dogs at the start of the NLCS, on Wednesday the restaurants put their money where their mouth is.

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In other words, everybody wins! Although The Wiener's Circle had not responded to Pink's latest challenge as of press time, we have a feeling it will be up to the challenge. And this wager is so much more productive and exciting than mayors betting with each other.

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**Alex Brown (No. 96) and other Bears reach to block a Packers field goal attempt on Dec. 22, 2008. CHARLES CHERNEY/TRIBUNE FILE**



# Calling his own number

**ALEX BROWN IGNORED URLACHER ONE TIME, AND IT PAID OFF**

**By Chris Sosa** | REDEYE

*Editor's note: Each week during the NFL season, former Bears defensive lineman Alex Brown shares his football wisdom with RedEye. Responses have been edited for length and clarity.*

While most Chicago sports fans probably watched Game 5 of the NLCS between the Cubs and Dodgers on Thursday, the Bears and Packers quietly marked the latest chapter in their rivalry around the same time.

Yet seeing as the Bears are having a rough time of it this season overall, and both games ended after RedEye went to press, we figured we couldn't go wrong focusing this week's chat with ex-Bear Alex Brown on better times.

On Dec. 22, 2008, the Bears were trying to keep their playoff hopes alive when they hosted the Packers. Things were looking bleak in the final seconds with the game tied at 17 and Green Bay lining up for a 38-yard field goal. That's when Brown saved the day.

## Take us through your blocked field goal.

I don't know if people will believe this, but we

make a call and it was supposed to be block left. [But] I felt like I could beat the guy that was on [the right] side. He was crashing down really hard, and on a field goal prior to that he had crashed down really hard and I beat him but the other [blocker] kind of got me. And I'm like well, I think I can beat this guy if he does the same thing.

[Linebacker Brian] Urlacher calls the block one way and I'm supposed to be on the left side. I don't go. I stay on the right side, and fortunately it worked out and we got a block. If [cornerback] Charles Tillman had better hands, he could have picked it up and ran with it. [Laughs.] But he booted it out of bounds, so we had to wait until overtime to win that game.

## So you didn't do what Urlacher said?

I didn't. I honestly thought I had a chance to get in there to block it if I stayed on this side. The other side, I didn't feel that way. When you take a chance like that, the best-case scenario is it worked out the way it worked out, because if they run a fake and go to the other side and I'm

supposed to be there, that's a 180-degree turn and it's completely wrong on my end.

## Did Urlacher say anything to you afterward?

Oh heck no, no way. We were so happy. It was a chip shot field goal that they should have made, and we were fortunate enough to get pressure, to get push. There were five or six hands up and fortunately the ball found my hand. I don't think I did anything special outside of doing my job, and that's really not taking a play off and understanding the game's on the line and we got to go make a play. It could have easily hit another guy.

## Did Urlacher know you went the wrong way?

Of course, he knows where everybody's supposed to be. If it didn't work out, then he would have been all over me, that's for sure.

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## WELCOME TO WEEK 7

### VIEWER'S GUIDE

#### Thursday's game

Bears at Green Bay, late



#### » New England (5-1) at Pittsburgh (4-2), 3:25 p.m. Sunday, CBS-2

Not as scintillating a matchup as it would have been had Pittsburgh quarterback Ben Roethlisberger not undergone surgery this week, but still a clash of the AFC titans.

#### » Houston (4-2) at Denver (4-2), 7:30 p.m. Monday, ESPN

Yep, Houston's still hanging in there. As is Denver. Look for a ton of fireworks from each team's defense.



#### » Minnesota (5-0) at Philadelphia (3-2), noon Sunday, Fox-32

#### » Seattle (4-1) at Arizona (3-3), 7:30 p.m. Sunday, NBC



#### » N.Y. Giants (3-3) at Los Angeles (3-3), 8:30 a.m. Sunday, NFL Network

#### » Washington (4-2) at Detroit (3-3), noon Sunday, Fox

#### » New Orleans (2-3) at Kansas City (3-2), noon Sunday, Fox

#### » San Diego (2-4) at Atlanta (4-2), 3:05 p.m. Sunday, Fox



#### » Cleveland (0-6) at Cincinnati (2-4), noon Sunday, CBS

#### » Indianapolis (2-4) at Tennessee (3-3), noon Sunday, CBS-2

#### » Oakland (4-2) at Jacksonville (2-3), noon Sunday, CBS

#### » Buffalo (4-2) at Miami (2-4), noon Sunday, CBS

#### » Baltimore (3-3) at N.Y. Jets (1-5), noon Sunday, CBS

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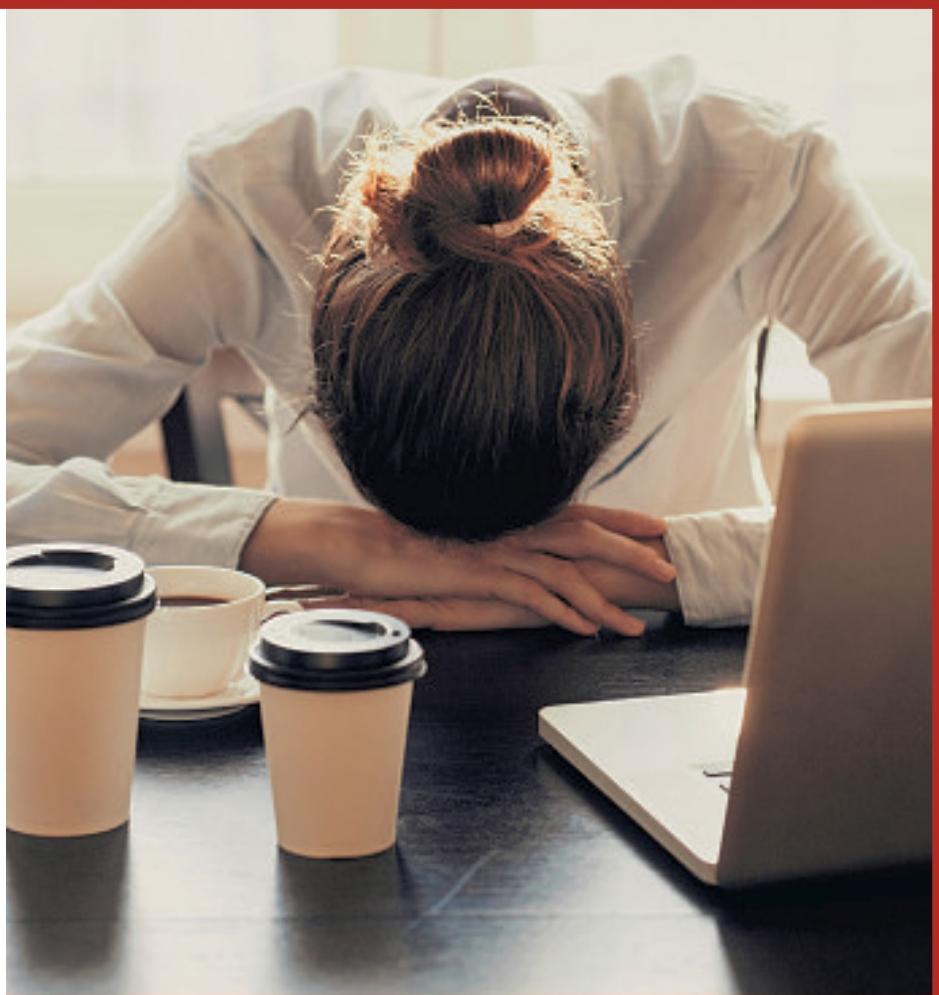
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# eat & drink



## IT'S NEVER TOO LATE

38 ESSENTIAL CHICAGO LATE-NIGHT EATS, SORTED BY NEIGHBORHOOD

By Morgan Olsen | REDEYE

Last call doesn't mean your night has to come to a screeching halt. You know better than that, Chicago. Whether you're on the prowl for drunchies or looking for a place to debrief the evening with your nearest and dearest, the city is second to none in late-night options. There's a lot of ground to cover and no time to waste. Here's where to eat when you're out late. [MORGANCOLSEN@REDEYECHICAGO.COM](mailto:MORGANCOLSEN@REDEYECHICAGO.COM)

### ANDERSONVILLE / UPTOWN

Home to vibrant music venues and theaters galore, Andersonville and Uptown stay up late to ensure you get a good meal in before heading home. Beyond a heavenly cocktail menu, **Little Bad Wolf** (1541 W. Bryn Mawr Ave. 773-942-639944) comes through with handheld bar food including tacos, bao and burgers. When shows let out at Aragon Ballroom, Riviera Theatre and The Green Mill, **Fiesta Mexicana** (4806 N. Broadway 773-769-4244) is standing by with a sizzling hot fajita hug.

*Little Bad Wolf's kitchen closes at 1:30 a.m. Friday and 2:30 a.m. Saturday. Fiesta Mexicana is open until 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday.*



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### BRIDGEPORT

If it's greasy goodness you crave in the wee hours of the morning, take your pick between **Johnny O's** (3465 S. Morgan St. 773-927-1011) and **Maxwell Street Depot** (411 W. 31st St. 312-326-3514), both open 24 hours a day with fast food faves. A Chicago institution since 1946, **Ricobene's** (252 W. 26th St. 312-225-5555) keeps it real with deep-dish and thin-crust pizza, Chicago-style hot dogs and perhaps their most beloved dish, the breaded steak sandwich.

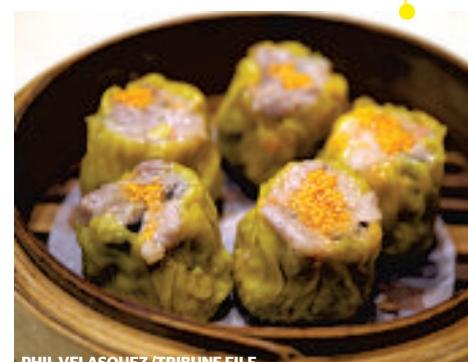
*Ricobene's is open until 2 a.m. on Friday and Saturday.*



### BUCKTOWN / WICKER PARK

To counter their vast collection of late-night bars, Wicker Park and Bucktown are home to some of the city's top tipsy treats. We're certainly not above **Taco Bell Cantina** (1439 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-661-2607), the country's very first boozy Taco Bell—because tequila-spiked slushies pair perfectly with Chalupa Supremes. Just down the street, **Dimo's Pizza** (1615 N. Damen Ave. 773-525-4580) specializes in weirdly craveable grab-and-go slices—think Buffalo chicken and mac 'n' cheese. Along the Division Street stretch, **Pub Royale** (2049 W. Division St. 773-661-6874), recently named one of the country's top new restaurants by Bon Appetit magazine, will happily provide your hot chicken and samosa fix. Finally, a quick shout-out to **Big & Little's Restaurant** (1310 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-698-7777), where you can get a side of fries with your ahi tuna tacos.

*Taco Bell Cantina is open until 4 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Dimo's Pizza is open until 3 a.m. Friday and 4 a.m. Saturday. Pub Royale features a late-night menu from midnight-1 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Big & Little's Restaurant is open until 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday.*



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### CHINATOWN

If you're searching for piping-hot, quality food long after the sun's gone down, find your way to **Chi Cafe** (2160-A S. Archer Ave. 312-842-9993) for traditional Chinese dishes or **MingHin Cuisine** (2168 S. Archer Ave. 312-808-1999) for shareable dim sum that's great for groups.

*Chi Cafe is open until 6 a.m. Friday and Saturday. MingHin Cuisine is open until 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday.*

### LAKEVIEW / BOYSTOWN / WRIGLEYVILLE

Whether the Cubs game just let out or you danced the night away in Boystown, there are plenty of drunchies to be found up north. **Cheesie's Pub & Grub** (958 W. Belmont Ave. 773-388-1574) fulfills your childhood dream of a restaurant devoted to grilled cheese. Decompress and compare Bumble dates at diner-style **Pick Me Up Cafe** (3408 N. Clark St. 773-248-6613), where you'll also find a stellar lineup of vegan- and vegetarian-friendly options. Open 24 hours a day, **Diner Grill** (1635 W. Irving Park Road



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773-248-2030) is a standby you won't have to worry about closing before last call. Order the Dick burger and don't ask questions. And if you have any cash by the end of the night, swing by Red Hot Ranch (3057 N. Ashland Ave. 773-661-9377) for fast food goodies.

Cheesie's Pub & Grub and Red Hot Ranch are open until 5 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Pick Me Up Cafe's kitchen is open until 1:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

## LINCOLN PARK

Blame it on DePaul University, but Lincoln Park isn't skimping on late-night eats. If you like your food with a side of verbal abuse, The Wiener's Circle (2622 N. Clark St. 773-477-7444) is your best bet. And for Mexican food that can be appreciated both under the influence and sober, Allende Restaurant (2408 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-477-7114) is where it's at.

The Wiener's Circle is open until 5 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Allende Restaurant is open until 4:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

## LINCOLN SQUARE / RAVENSWOOD

Variety is the name of the game in Lincoln Square and Ravenswood. Taco in a Bag's (4603 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-250-2437) name-sake munchy-worthy dish is easy to walk with if it's time to head home. The folks at 24-hour Shawarma Inn (5523 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-271-7777) will put you into a food coma with the help of tender shawarma, crunchy falafel and lots of pita bread. And if you're heading home early enough, swing by Me Dee Cafe (4805 N. Damen Ave. 773-989-4444) for Thai favorites and a sweet treat such as mochi ice cream or custard.

Taco in a Bag is open until 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Me Dee Cafe is open until 1:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday.



## LOGAN SQUARE

Had one too many at Billy Sunday? We've been there. Johnny's Grill (2545 N. Kedzie Blvd. 773-278-2215) is located just off the Square with an eight-item late-night menu beginning at 11 p.m., which includes cornmeal buttermilk pancakes and a double cheeseburger. Plus, sister spot Mezcaleria Las Flores is right next door if you rebound fast enough. Newcomer SmallFry (2489 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-661-1365) specializes in craveable nibbles such as poutine, milkshakes, sandwiches and a variety of seasoned fries—our restaurant critic raved about the Cool Ranch-dusted option. In the winter months, a bowl of ramen from Furious Spoon (2410 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-770-3559) is sure to keep you warm and cozy, but the late-night menu boasts a selection of fun sides for adventurous eaters.

Johnny's Grill is open until 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. SmallFry is open until 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Furious Spoon is open until 2 a.m. Friday and 3 a.m. Saturday.

## THE LOOP / SOUTH LOOP

The Loop probably isn't the first place that comes to mind when late-night hunger strikes, but don't count it out just yet. If it's pizza that's keeping you awake at night, Pizano's Pizza & Pasta (61 E. Madison St. 312-236-1777) is a quick fix. Head south for destination-worthy Devil Dawgs (767 S. State St. 312-583-9100), where hot dogs rule and shakes go with everything. Pizano's Pizza & Pasta's kitchen is open until 1:30 a.m. Friday and 2 a.m. Saturday. Devil Dawgs is open until 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

## OLD TOWN

A night of gallivanting around Wells Street (read: pretending you're still in college) calls for food fuel in the wee hours of the morning. To keep the night alive in a downright vibey atmosphere, venture to Happy Camper (1209 N. Wells St. 312-344-1634), an offshoot of



Homeslice with pizza galore, lots of appetizers and a rowdy drink menu. For the true party animals and breakfast enthusiasts, Elly's Pancake House (101 W. North Ave. 312-643-2300) is open 24 hours a day.

*Happy Camper's kitchen is open until midnight Friday and 1 a.m. Saturday.*

## PILSEN

Keep your evening in Pilsen alive at fan-favorite Taqueria Los Comales 3 (1544 W. 18th St. 312-666-2251) with all the tortas, tacos and tostadas your heart—and tummy—desires. Down the street, Dusek's Board & Beer (1227 W. 18th St. 312-526-3851), along with sister venues Tack Room and Punch House, offer their full menus late into the night on weekends. You can't go wrong with the blue crab dip or signature Juicy Lucy burger.

Taqueria Los Comales 3 is open until 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Dusek's Board & Beer's kitchen closes at 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

## RIVER NORTH / STREETERVILLE / GOLD COAST

Chicago's entertainment district is naturally flush with late-night dining options, some better than others. The Halal Guys (49 W. Division St. 312-877-5575) is a constantly growing New York import with cult-favorite drunk eats. If you're trying to squash a future hangover, go for the platter with chicken, gyros or falafel plus rice, pita, lettuce and tomato. When tacos are the only thing that will do, Velvet Taco (1110 N. State St. 312-763-2654) is the answer with unique tortilla-swaddled creations such as crisp tikka chicken with spicy pepper sauce, buttered cilantro basmati rice, raita crema and Thai basil. River North newcomer Seoul Taco (738 N. Clark St. 312-265-1607) just added late-night hours so fans aren't left out in the cold when a Gogi bowl craving hits at 3 a.m. And if one last quality cocktail with a side of late-night



food is in order, head to Celeste (111 W. Hubbard St. 312-828-9000), an undeniably sexy space where night owls can nosh on seared tuna, fried chicken and—wait for it—french fry panna cotta with Nutella mousse and fry crumbles.

The Halal Guys, Velvet Taco and Seoul Taco are open until 4 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Celeste's kitchen is open until 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

## UKRAINIAN VILLAGE / WEST TOWN

Save your appetite for a midnight snack in these neighboring 'hoods. If you're looking to chow down like there's no tomorrow, Fatso's Last Stand (2258 W. Chicago Ave. 773-245-3287) will take care of you. You needn't say more than "Super Ooey Gooey with a chocolate shake, please." No-frills tacos, speedy service and the occasional karaoke session await at El Taco Velo (1745 W. Chicago Ave. 312-738-0363). Headbanging carnivores will delight in the burger offerings at Lockdown Bar & Grill (1024 N. Western Ave. 773-451-5625).

Fatso's Last Stand is open until 4 a.m. Friday and Saturday. El Taco Velo is open until 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Lockdown Bar & Grill's kitchen is open until 1 a.m. Friday and 2 a.m. Saturday.

## WEST LOOP

Home to an endless supply of upscale eats, don't rule out the West Loop while on the hunt for something quick and cheap. Located just off Restaurant Row, Harold's Chicken Shack (804 W. Washington Blvd. 312-226-9866) is your gateway to fried chicken bliss. Tucked below Sushi Dokku, you'll find Booze Box (823 W. Randolph St. 312-455-8238), a dark izakaya-style spot with a menu full of small bites including ribeye skewers, Japanese pickles, oyster shooters and more.

Harold's Chicken Shack is open until 5 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Booze Box is open until 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday.



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# Skipped a beet

**Does gluten-free restaurant The Little Beet Table live up to Chicago's standards?**

By Heather Shoroering | REDEYE

**E**verything you're about to read is entirely gluten-free. We've all heard that joke before. The gluten-free lifestyle, like a cute fad diet, is en vogue right now. But living with dietary restrictions isn't that cute for those of us who miss the luxury of wandering into a restaurant and casually ordering anything off the menu. That's why The Little Beet Table, an upscale vegetable-centric concept with an entirely gluten-free menu, sounded like a dream. The Gold Coast restaurant that opened late last month is the second location for the New York-based chain and is a full-service spin-off of the fast-casual Little Beet. While gluten-free menus are on the rise, The Little Beet Table is the most accommodating that I've seen in Chicago. But we all know what they say about dreams: Sometimes they're too good to be true.

**The vibe** At the corner of State and Chestnut streets, floor-to-ceiling windows peek into what could be a farmhouse kitchen spread in a Crate and Barrel catalog. Rustic meets industrial in the 100-seat dining room with concrete floors, a white kitchen hutch and chunky light-colored wood tables and chairs. With soft yellow overhead lighting and airy voices of indietronica bands, the atmosphere is not out of place for the neighborhood. Those clean and sleek characteristics carry over to the menu, and while the health-conscious aspect is apparent, The Little Beet Table isn't in your face about being a gluten-free environment.

**The food** There's something to be said for a menu that's mindful of diners' diets. "We've developed a reputation as a safe haven for dietary restrictions," said Josh

Morgan, operating partner for Aurify Brands, which operates The Little Beet Table, among other culinary franchises. However, Morgan said the brand didn't want gluten-free labels to prohibit diners from keeping an open mind about the food.

The menu, curated by New York-based executive chef Adam Starowicz, changes seasonally. With an entire section of vegetable dishes and plenty of veg- and pescatarian-friendly items in the small plates, salads and mains, I felt totally at home navigating the menu (and it's a good thing I did, because our server wasn't much for making suggestions). Meat eaters will also feel welcome with pork carnitas tacos, ribeye, a burger and herb-roasted chicken.

Though I expected more gluten substitutes, I was quite pleased with the options I tried. While the presentation on the cavatelli alla norma (\$12-\$18) wasn't great, the pasta itself,

**REVIEW**

**The Little Beet Table**  
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*Give it some time*



by gluten-free brand DePuma's, was spectacular. It wasn't sticky or mushy like some gluten-free pastas tend to be. A sprinkle of creamy sheep's milk feta really made the dish and paired with tomatoes and Japanese eggplant. But a fresh herb accent, such as thyme or basil, would have gone a long way here. The chickpea Caesar's herb croutons, dark crunchy bits made from bread by gluten-free breadmaker Wheat's End Cafe in Lakeview, tasted like toasted buttery rye. This salad (\$13), with grilled romaine, Parmesan, chickpeas and lemon-chickpea dressing, was my favorite item on the menu. "If a Big Mac were a gluten-free salad, this would be it," my date said, commenting on the charred greens and savory dressing.

The rest of the meal fell surprisingly flat, with flavorless vegetable dishes and unbalanced cocktails. While the Japanese pumpkin soup (\$12) had all the right textures from toasted pumpkin seeds, roasted ginger, white miso and a drizzle of creme fraiche, a little salt would have gone a long way, adding to my manifesto to restaurants titled "Bring Back the Salt Shaker." The beets and caramelized fennel (\$12) were incredibly underwhelming for a restaurant with "beet" in the name, and the acidity from the pickled onions and thyme-mustard dressing totally overpowered any anise flavors from the lifeless overcooked fennel. While scallions and thyme, common in Jamaican curries, added a welcome earthy balance to citrusy lime juice in the wild pink shrimp curry (\$14), the chickpeas in the dish were undercooked. The excellent consistency of the spaghetti squash and meaty maitake mushrooms made the black sea bass entree (\$23), but a bit more parsley jus would have added to the dish. A tres leches cake (\$11) with caramelized pineapple and hibiscus sorbet was almost there, but ice cream or yogurt over sorbet would have made a better texture pairing.

**The drinks** The cocktail menu focuses on classics (all \$14), with options such as a cucumber-basil gimlet and rye manhattan. The maple old fashioned was far too sweet, and pairing maple syrup with Maker's Mark bourbon, which already errs on the sweeter side, was a poor choice. I expected earthier notes in the matcha mojito, but the lime juice was far too overwhelming, not to mention the drab presentation with wilted mint and brown spotted limes. We stuck with wine for the next round, but the beverage menu also offers gluten-free beer, cider and housemade natural beverages, such as beet soda and cucumber lemonade.

**Bottom line** The stakes are high for restaurants that cater to a specific diet, but The Little Beet Table is keen on decent gluten substitutes. However, veg-centric menus aren't a new fad, and there's no excuse for bland vegetables. Chain restaurants don't have to be boring (Earls Kitchen and Bar is a prime example), and while working with local breadmaker Wheat's End Cafe is a step in the right direction, Aurify missed an enormous opportunity to bring in a local chef to personalize the menu for Chicago. With our esteemed food scene, there's no room for picking up a New York restaurant and dropping it in Chicago, as if it's some small Midwestern town hungry for excitement. Overall, I appreciated the mindfulness of those with dietary restrictions, but the quality of the food for the high price point was a disappointment. While Chicago is in need of more gluten-free options, The Little Beet Table as is doesn't live up to the city's dining standards.

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Zach Galifianakis (left) and Jon Hamm in 'Keeping Up with the Joneses'



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## These Joneses aren't worth keeping up with

By Katie Walsh | LOS ANGELES TIMES

A wise person once claimed "comparison is the thief of joy"—words to keep in mind when impossibly perfect, gorgeous, worldly new neighbors move into the cul-de-sac, as they do in the action-comedy "Keeping Up with the Joneses." But those Joneses (Jon Hamm and Gal Gadot) aren't exactly what they seem, and they have more than a few surprises up their tailored sleeves.

But the biggest surprise of "Keeping Up with the Joneses" is the first credit that pops onto the screen at the end of the film: "Directed by Greg Mottola." For an action-comedy this shoddily schlocky, one doesn't expect to see the name of the director who helmed the comedy classic "Superbad" and the nuanced summer dramedy "Adventureland."

That's not to say that the film is necessarily without its merits, but it's wildly uneven, riding on a half-baked script by Michael LeSieur and the energetic efforts of star Zach Galifianakis. In concept, it's all there: Galifianakis as fuddy-duddy suburban dad Jeff Gaffney; the delightfully unhinged Isla Fisher as his wife, Karen; Hamm and wonder woman Gadot as their new super-sexy spy neighbors, Tim and Natalie. But there's something not quite right; this one needed more time in the oven.

It's a twist on the "Mr. and Mrs. Smith" concept that Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie perfected back in 2005, but instead of hiding their top-secret lives of international espionage and covert operations from each other, the Joneses are trying to hide from their busybody neighbors. "We didn't last one week in suburbia!" Natalie explodes when their cover is blown by Karen and Jeff's overenthusiastic meddling.

For the Gaffneys, the Joneses are the kick in the pants to their marriage they didn't even know they needed. Consumed by work, family and community obligations, they've lost their senses of self and their marital passion, content to zone out to TV rather than experiment in the bedroom. Their sexual repression is an ongoing, nearly Freudian gag throughout.

There are other interesting gender dynamics at play. Both Tim and Jeff are the more sensitive partners, sharing their vulnerabilities with honesty while the women take to the fierce, ferocious warrior roles like they've finally been unleashed, physically and sexually.

The draw here is the chemistry of the performers, their personas bouncing around like atoms against each other creating energy—Hamm suave and sophisticated, Gadot exotic and strong, Fischer cute and neurotic, while Galifianakis does his dorky, lovable coward routine. The rule here seems: If it ain't broke, don't fix it.

It's just that everything around them doesn't work. The editing is awkward, the pacing off—jokes don't land, action scenes are illegible. The in-between moments are the funniest bits, rapid-fire riffs or bits of physical comedy, but there's no time to enjoy them. The story takes too long to get to where it intends to: average couple is thrown into a dangerous and action-packed arms deal. But once the film finally starts to fire on all cylinders, it's over.

Hamm's character is unfortunately underwritten, caught in the no man's land between Don Draper and a goofier comedic character. Galifianakis steals the show as the friendly fussbudget in a performance we've come to expect from him. The enormous potential on screen is tantalizing, which is why the disappointment of failed execution stings.



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Tyler Perry (right) as Madea in 'Boo! A Madea Halloween'

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**BOO! A MADEA HALLOWEEN**  
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## Just stop, Tyler Perry



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is so bad that it's almost hard to wrap my head around how this franchise has made it to about eight films at all.

### What happens?

Brian (Perry) is having a hard time keeping his bratty teenage daughter, Tiffany (Diamond White), in line on Halloween. After reading her texts (yikes) about going to a frat party—despite being only 17—Brian calls on his Aunt Madea (Perry) and his father, Joe (also Perry), to make sure she stays in the house while he goes to work. Long story short, Madea crashes the party after discovering Tiffany snuck out, evoking the wrath of the dumbest frat boys that have ever been portrayed on screen. It's all bad.

### What's good?

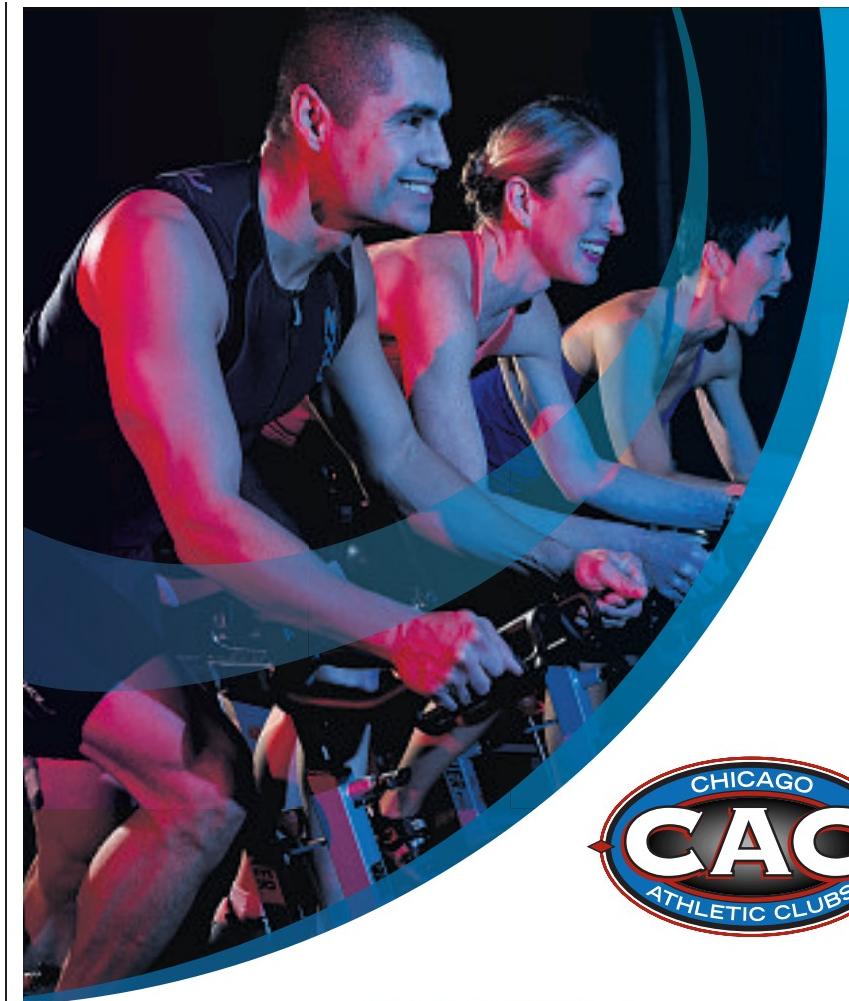
If I had to pick anything from this movie to label as "good," it would solely be Perry's grasp on his characters. He knows Madea inside and out and what she should say or do to get laughs out of the audience—even if they're awkward and forced laughs because you know that's how you're supposed to be reacting.

### What's bad?

Everything else. I was actually checking my watch to see how much longer I would have to sit through the terrible acting, the lack of any actual plot and the nausea-inducing insistence on making everything obnoxiously obvious so the audience knows to laugh. While it's Madea's entire schtick to be over-the-top, even minor characters—like the antagonistic frat boys who for some reason were upset they were stopped from boning 17-year-old girls?—lacked any and all nuance in their actions. At best, it's annoying; at worst, it's kind of insulting to the audience to be told who and what they're supposed to be laughing at.

### Final verdict

Before I had even left the theater, I sent a text to a friend saying, "That was the worst movie I have ever seen in my life." So, yeah. Just don't.



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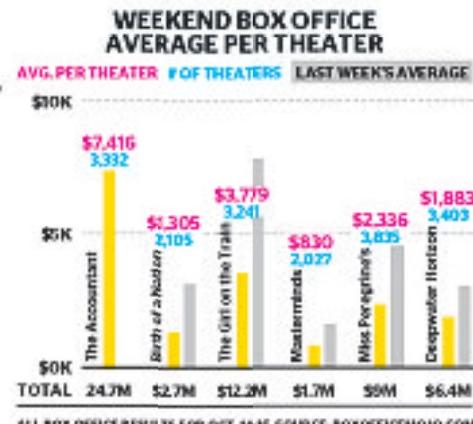
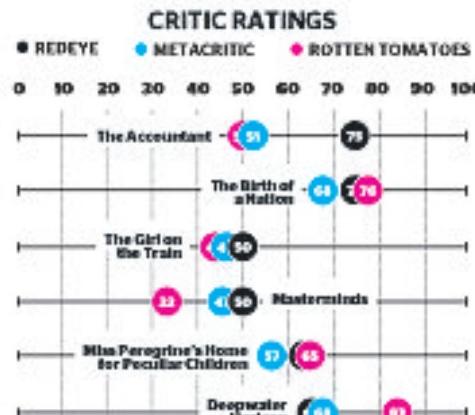
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**Ben Affleck in 'The Accountant'**

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A WEEKEND BOX OFFICE ROUNDUP

With a new batch of movies opening, you may be digging through your brain to remember what else came out recently. Here's a look back at what RedEye thought about some of the movies, an idea of how critical aggregators rate them and how much money each brought in last weekend. —REDEYE



## OPENING THIS WEEKEND

### BOO! A MADEA HALLOWEEN PG-13

★★★★  
Read Shellee Bastedt's review on Page 17.

### KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES PG-13

★★★  
Read Katie Walsh's review on Page 15.

### AMERICAN PASTORAL R

★★★★  
Gorgeously dark with heartbreaking moments, "American Pastoral" isn't smart enough to have the prestige factor it's clearly going for.  
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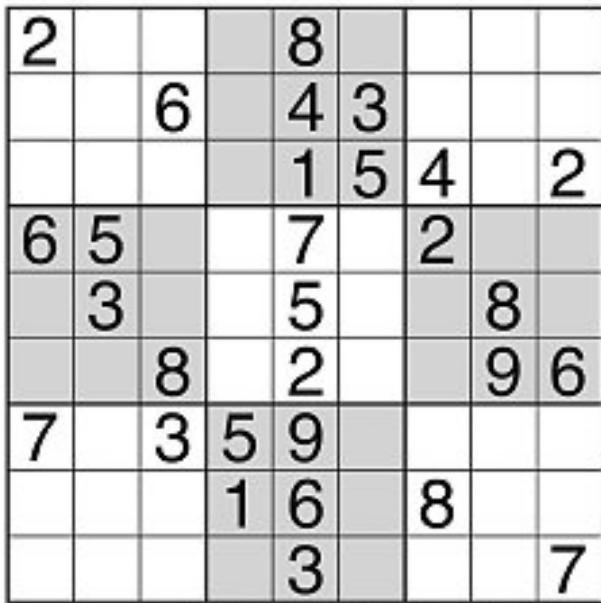
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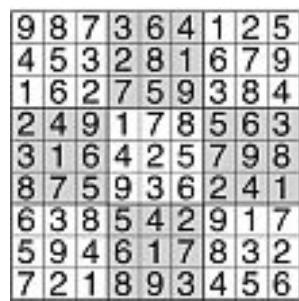
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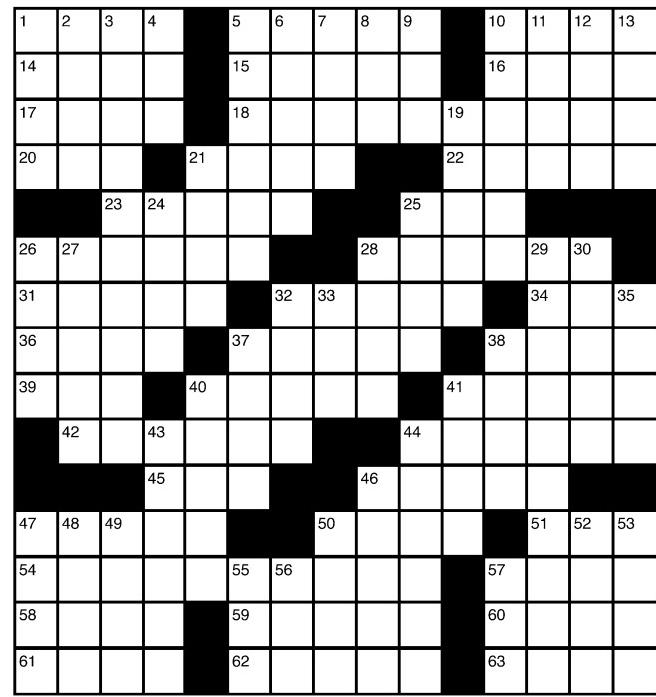
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Alan Alda sitcom  
5 Fencing sword  
10 Meanie  
14 Resound  
15 \_\_\_ board; item for a manicurist  
16 Sailor's jail  
17 Exhibit  
18 Bemoaning  
20 That woman  
21 Rackets  
22 Rise through the \_\_\_; move up at work  
23 Rough woolen fabric  
25 \_\_\_ ala; fast-paced game  
26 Coils of yarn  
28 \_\_\_ the finger at; accuses  
31 Child tender  
32 Fish with a net  
34 Uncooked  
36 Inflammation suffix  
37 "Wonderful!"  
38 Hired vehicle  
39 Brooch  
40 Piece of playground equipment  
41 Recluse  
42 Holiday drink  
44 Cool dessert  
45 \_\_\_ up; shred  
46 Native New Zealander  
47 \_\_\_ of the world; feeling elated  
50 Lie in the sun  
51 Fight result, for short  
54 Oslo folks  
57 Is \_\_\_ of; likes  
58 As \_\_\_ as a cucumber  
59 TV's "Kate & \_\_\_"  
60 Maple or alder  
61 Finishes  
62 Entreaties  
63 Coloring agents

**DOWN**

- 1 Net fabric  
2 Prolonged pain  
3 Abbreviating  
4 In what way?  
5 World \_\_\_ baseball event  
6 Change for the better  
7 Panhandles  
8 Goof  
9 Bread variety  
10 Acquire  
11 Big smile  
12 Skater's oval  
13 Breakfast order  
19 Mountain path  
21 Declare untrue  
24 Is victorious  
25 Bulldog's cheek  
26 Make a tiny cut  
27 TV's Couric  
28 Ashen-faced  
29 Short-lived  
30 Woodwinds, for short  
32 Tiny branch  
33 \_\_\_ as a lobster  
35 Metal thread  
37 Feed the pigs  
38 Sightseeing trip  
40 Shoot from hiding  
41 \_\_\_ at; behold  
43 Noises from an unfriendly dog  
44 Tumors  
46 Excessive enthusiasm  
47 In the past  
48 Lunchtime  
49 \_\_\_ on; trampled  
50 Actor Christian  
52 Leg joint  
53 Elegant poems  
55 Opening  
56 Sick  
57 Floral wire delivery service

**TODAY IN THE YEAR ...**

- 1797:** The U.S. Navy frigate Constitution, also known as "Old Ironsides," was christened in Boston's harbor.  
**1959:** The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, opened to the public in New York.  
**1991:** American hostage Jesse Turner was freed by his kidnappers in Lebanon after nearly five years in captivity.

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Alec Baldwin

**THE QUOTE**  
**"I DON'T WANT TO BE A PARTY POOPER HERE, BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S VERY FUNNY. I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYTHING FUNNY ABOUT THIS ELECTION."**

—Stephen Baldwin, a party pooper, talking to CBSN at the third presidential debate about his brother Alec's portrayal of Republican candidate Donald Trump on "Saturday Night Live." Stephen Baldwin is a Trump supporter.

Stephen Baldwin

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## Treat yourself

Blac Chyna got herself a push present. According to [eonline.com](#), the reality TV star purchased a \$400,000 Rolls Royce on Wednesday, then showed off her new wheels on Snapchat. Damn. Welp, gotta buy yourself something nice before you push that baby right out the womb.



## Grool

Paging Tina Fey: Rachel McAdams would love to be in your "Mean Girls" musical. The actress sat down with E! News on Wednesday and said "Sure" when asked if she'd ever participate. "I mean, I loved doing that movie. I love Tina Fey, love the girls. I mean, to get to kind of have a reunion would be ... we had a reunion for a photo shoot a couple years ago and it was over like that and it wasn't enough. I was back in it," she said.



## A spoonful of Mr. Darcy makes the medicine go down

Colin Firth is reportedly in talks to join "Mary Poppins Returns," according to [variety.com](#). He would be playing William Weatherall Wilkins, the president of Fidelity Fiduciary Bank (where Mr. Banks worked, remember?). The movie is set 25 years after the first film and stars Emily Blunt and Lin-Manuel Miranda. It's set to hit theaters Dec. 25, 2018.

## THE DIGIT

### 467 seconds

That's how long Eminem's new song, "Campaign Speech," is. The new track, released on YouTube, is a 7 minute and 47 second song that includes lines that insult Donald Trump and his supporters. The rapper tweeted the link Wednesday along with the message, "Don't worry I'm working on an album!"

